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Assistant Director for Operations

Request for Construction of FBI Staff Dwelling at Reseda, California

1. The FBI monitoring station at Reseda, California, has been planned and constructed without provision for nearby housing for any of the operating staff. It had been hoped that chief supervisory personnel would be able to find quarters in the immediate vicinity in order to remain continuously available to the twenty-four hour monitoring operation.

2. The continued housing shortage in this area, however, requires that all personnel assigned to the station go far afield to quarter themselves and their families, so that the Bureau Chief and Chief Engineer will not be readily available in emergency out of office hours. It is highly desirable that this situation be remedied by the construction of a house on the station property for the Bureau's Chief Engineer, whose presence would assure the security of the installation and constitute an important morale factor, as well as an operational convenience.

3. It is requested, in view of these considerations, that a temporary three-bedroom house of approximately 1200 square feet of floor space be constructed adjacent to the FBI operations building at Reseda. The type house illustrated as the "Conway", of the Johnson prefabricated homes, would be suitable.


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